(e) MSP for forestation of degraded lands is one of the several measures contemplated to help in achieving the goal of one-third Forest and Tree Cover in the country.

Unscientific forestation of Vilayati Babool (Precipus *Juliflora*)

†3718. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental balance has been disturbed due to the unscientific afforestation of Vilayati Balool (Precipus *Juliflora*) in Rajasthan;

(b) whether there has been any adverse impact on the habits of wild animals as a result thereof and their numbers are decreasing continuously; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. Due emphasis is being given on planting of site-specific species while undertaking afforestation work in a particular area.

(b) There are no observations of any adverse impact on the habits of wild animals in areas where Vilayati Babool *(Prosopis juliflora)* occurs.

(c) Question does not arise.

Lack of funds for expansion of forest

†3719. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target for expansion of the forests in the country is not being achieved and the main hindrance in it is the crunch of funds;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.